

II. REMARKS

Preliminary Remarks

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 13 to 19 will be pending in the present application, of which claim 13 is independent. Claims 3, 5, and 6 were withdrawn and are canceled by this amendment. Claims 1, 2, 4, and 7 to 12 were pending and are now canceled and replaced by claims 13 to 20. Support for the new claims can be found in the original claims and in the specification as originally filed (see, for example, Examples 1 and 2). Therefore, the applicants believe that no new matter is added.

The applicants would like to thank the examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in original claims 1, 2, 4, 7 to 10 and 12. These claims were objected to for containing non-elected subject matter. As indicated above, these claims have been canceled and replaced by claims that contain elected subject matter and are fully supported by the specification as filed.

The title was objected to for not being descriptive. The applicants amended the title to "Steroidal Pharmaceutical Compounds" and respectfully request withdrawal of this objection. In addition, the specification is amended to incorporate a specific reference to the priority application(s).

This response is filed within the shortened statutory period for response, no fee due. The applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the present application.

Patentability Remarks

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §101 and 112 –

Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§101 and 112 for providing a use but not setting forth steps involved in the method or process. Claim 11 is canceled and replaced by claim 19 which is directed to "a method for the treatment of oxidative stress and/or endothelial dysfunctions comprising administering the steroidal compound or salt thereof according to claim 13." Therefore, this rejection is moot and the applicants respectfully request its withdrawal.

III. CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks above, the applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and request favorable action thereon.

In the event this response is not timely filed, the applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket No. 026220-00015.

Respectfully submitted,

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